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1. A flotilla of three submarines left the Kronstadt naval base about 20 June 1949. These submarines, built in 1948, are of the "W" (sic) type, of 800-ton displacement, and designed for long-distance cruises. This flotilla maneuvered for about three weeks in Estonian waters. It was determined during these maneuvers that these submarines attain a speed of 20-24 knots, submerged. When all engines and equipment were completely installed, the flotilla sailed through the Belomorski (White Sea) Canal to Belomorsk and Murmansk.
2. At Baltisk and Murmansk the equipping of the submarines was completed by specialists in air weapons and rockets. These men came from the experimental center for special weapons in Muibyshev.
3. Toward the end of August 1949 the flotilla broke up. One submarine remained at the Murmansk submarine base for further navigational experiments and training in deck rockets of the V type, series AB-9 (250 to 400 km range). The other two joined a special fishing expedition, named the Slava Stalinu (Glory to Stalin), which made a long cruise in October or November 1949 below the Antarctic Circle. The purpose of this Antarctic cruise, [REDACTED] was twofold: as a shake-down for the new submarines, and as a test for anti-radar equipment installed in them. One of the types of anti-radar equipment used is placed in the periscope.
4. [REDACTED] the flotilla was accompanied by a four-engine jet plane of the 1948 IL series.*

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